



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Announces a  
**Public Comment Period: July 23 — August 22 , 2003**  
**Commencement Bay Nearshore/Tideflats Superfund Site**

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The Port of Tacoma and Occidental Chemical Company would like to combine contaminated sediments from the **Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site** and the **Commencement Bay Nearshore/Tideflats Superfund Site** in the Blair Slip 1 disposal facility in Commencement Bay. The Port of Tacoma and Occidental have met the technical and regulatory requirements for this action and have asked EPA for approval. We welcome your comments on this proposal.

You are invited to a public meeting:

**August 19, 2003, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**  
**Tacoma World Trade Center**  
**Room 104**  
**3600 Port of Tacoma Rd.**  
**Tacoma, WA 98424**  
**For directions, call:**  
**(253) 383-9474**

Written comments  
can be mailed until  
August 22, 2003 to:

**Peter Contreras**  
**U.S.EPA**  
**1200 6<sup>th</sup> Ave ECL-111**  
**Seattle, WA 98101-1128**

We will answer your questions about:

- Why this proposal is being made;
- How the proposal can work within the Commencement Bay cleanup;
- What has been done to ensure that this change in plans will ensure environmental effectiveness of the overall Commencement Bay cleanup.

The public meeting will begin with a short presentation, followed by an opportunity for questions and comments. EPA will record oral comments and collect written comments. We will consider all public comments in deciding whether to approve the Port of Tacoma and Occidental's request and will prepare a written response to comments received.

### Supporting Information Available for Review

EPA has prepared a draft *Explanation of Significant Differences* (ESD) to explain this proposal. The only proposed change to the Commencement Bay cleanup plan is that about 70,000 cubic yards of sediment will be brought to the Blair Slip 1 disposal facility from the Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site. The ESD does not change previous plans for dredging, capping, natural recovery or disposal locations. To request a copy of the ESD please contact: Lilibeth Serrano, Community Involvement Coordinator, (206) 553-1388.

**To read a copy of the draft ESD, you may visit the following locations:**

Tacoma Public Library—Main Branch  
1102 Tacoma Avenue South, Northwest Room  
Tacoma, Washington (253) 591-5666

Citizens for a Healthy Bay  
917 Pacific Avenue, Suite 406  
Tacoma, Washington (253) 383-2429

Environmental Protection Agency  
Superfund Records Center  
1200 Sixth Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Seattle, Washington (206) 553-4494

**On the Web:** [www.epa.gov/r10earth/](http://www.epa.gov/r10earth/)  
Click on "Index," then on "C" for Commencement Bay.

***For People with  
Disabilities:***

*Alternative formats are  
available. Please contact  
Lilibeth Serrano at  
(206) 553-1388 before  
August 4, 2003  
to request reasonable  
accommodations. For TTY  
users: please call  
1-800-877-8339.*

***SUPERFUND FACT SHEET  
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